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: REPRODUCING METHOD

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Dear Sir:

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's issuance of a Notice of Allowance of October 5, 2004 allowing all the claims pending in this application.

On September 30, 2004, applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement listing references that were cited in commonly assigned U.S. Application No. 09/850,832. The Examiner, however, did not consider the Information Disclosure Statement when issuing the Notice of Allowance, even though the Information Disclosure Statement was filed before the Notice of Allowance was issued.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement and issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowance so that applicants may pay the issue fee. In that regard, the issue fee is due by January 5, 2005. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Information Disclosure

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Statement and issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability before that date.

Although it is believed that no fee is due in connection with this Communication, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 for any fees that may be due in connection with filing this Communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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